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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN INVITATION TO DR. KISSINGER

1. THE IER (DONAUEUROPAKEISCHES INSTITUT), AN AUSTRIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOME 1,000 AUSTRIAN AND WEST EUROPEAN BANKS AND BUSINESS FIRMS INTERESTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION AND CONTACT BETWEEN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE ON THE ONE HAND AND THE WEST ON THE OTHER, HAS INVITED DR. HENRY KISSINGER TO COME TO VIENNA AND ADDRESS ITS 30TH ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 1977. THE IER HAS REQUESTED THE EMBASSY'S SUPPORT FOR ITS INVITATION.

2. THE IER IS AN INDEPENDENT ASSOCIATION FINANCED BY THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITS MEMBER FIRMS. ITS BOARD INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THREE AUSTRIAN PARTIES SITTING IN PARLIAMENT, PRESIDED OVER BY FORMER OEVP (CONSERVATIVE) VICE-CHANCELLOR AND MINISTER OF TRADE DR. FRITZ BOCK. ITS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE PUBLICATION OF A RESPONSIBLE PERIODICAL ON EAST-WEST PROBLEMS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF LECTURES, ROUND TABLES, AND CONFERENCES IN VIENNA AND, OCCASIONALLY IN SUCH OTHER LOCATIONS AS PRAGUE AND ROME. SPEAKERS ARE POLITICIANS, OFFICIALS, AND ECONOMIC POLICY-MAKERS FROM THE USSR AND EASTERN AS WELL AS WESTERN EUROPE.

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3. THE 30TH MEETING WILL BE AT VIENNA'S OLD IMPERIAL PALACE. IT WILL BE OPENED BY AUSTRIAN PRESIDENT RUDOLF KIRCHSCHLAEGER, AND ITS FEATURED SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE IMF DIRECTOR GENERAL WITTEVEEN AND IIASA DEPUTY DIRECTOR GVISHIANI. DR. KISSINGER WOULD BE THE ONLY SPEAKER AT A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION. THE IER WOULD BE WILLING TO BEAR ANY REASONABLE EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH HIS

APPEARANCE.

4. THE EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME DR. KISSINGER'S
PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING AND REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT
TO SUPPORT THE IER INVITATION TO DR. KISSINGER AS
APPROPRIATE. BUCHANAN

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